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The Chief Clerk makes the following entries under the above date:

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 04-004

Relating to Wisconsin interstate fuel tax and international registration program.

Submitted by Department of Transportation.

Report received from Agency, August 26, 2004.

To committee on **Transportation**.

Referred on August 31, 2004.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 04-024

Relating to fishing on the inland, outlying and boundary waters of Wisconsin.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, August 24, 2004.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Referred on August 31, 2004.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 04-033

Relating to analytical test methods for testing effluent discharges.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, August 24, 2004.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Referred on August 31, 2004.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 04-047

Relating to septage operator certification.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, August 24, 2004.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Referred on August 31, 2004.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 04-059

Relating to the 2004 migratory game bird seasons.

Submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Report received from Agency, August 24, 2004.

To committee on **Natural Resources**.

Referred on August 31, 2004.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 04-069

Relating to prorating under the Milwaukee parental choice program.

Submitted by Department of Public Instruction.

Report received from Agency, August 30, 2004.

To committee on **Education Reform**.

Referred on August 31, 2004.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 04-070

Relating to definitions of administrative expenses and substantial compliance.

Submitted by Department of Commerce.

Report received from Agency, August 27, 2004.

To committee on **Urban and Local Affairs**.

Referred on August 31, 2004.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 04-071

Relating to prescribing mortality tables and actuarial opinions, analysis and reports.

Submitted by Insurance Commissioner.

Report received from Agency, August 25, 2004.

To committee on **Insurance**.

Referred on August 31, 2004.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 04-074

Relating to licensing requirements for investment advisers having custody of customer funds or securities.

Submitted by Department of Financial Institutions.

Report received from Agency, August 27, 2004.

To committee on **Financial Institutions**.

Referred on August 31, 2004.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 04-075

Relating to regarding the contributions towards employee health insurance premiums by local units of government that participate in the group health insurance plans established by the state of Wisconsin, group insurance board.

Submitted by Department of Employee Trust Funds.

Report received from Agency, August 25, 2004.

To committee on **Government Operations and Spending Limitations**.

Referred on August 31, 2004.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 04-080

Relating to the part-time study grant program and the tuition and fee reimbursement grant program.

Submitted by Department of Veterans Affairs.

Report received from Agency, August 26, 2004.

To committee on **Veterans and Military Affairs**.

Referred on August 31, 2004.

Assembly Clearinghouse Rule 04-089

Relating to responsible high cost mortgage lending.

Submitted by Department of Financial Institutions.

Report received from Agency, August 27, 2004.

To committee on **Financial Institutions**.

Referred on August 31, 2004.

REFERRAL OF AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Department of Administration
Madison

August 23, 2004

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

Included with this correspondence, I am submitting the report of the Department of Administration, Division of Gaming (Gaming), for the third quarter of fiscal year 2004 (January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004). As required by s. [562.02 \(1\)\(g\)](#), Wis. Stats., the attached materials contain pari-mutuel wagering and racing statistical information, as well as the revenues for the program areas of Racing, Charitable Gaming, Bingo and Indian Gaming.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Meek at (608) 270-2535.

Sincerely,
JOHNNIE L. SMITH
Division Administrator

Referred to committee on **State Affairs**.

State of Wisconsin
Groundwater Coordinating Council
Madison

August 2004

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

The Groundwater Coordinating Council (GCC) is pleased to release its 2004 Report to the Legislature. The GCC was formed in 1984 to help state agencies coordinate non-regulatory activities and exchange information on groundwater. For the past 20 years, the GCC has served as a model for interagency coordination and cooperation among state agencies, the Governor, local and federal government, and the university. It is one of the few groups in the nation to effectively coordinate groundwater activities in its state from an advisory position.

This report summarizes GCC and agency activities related to groundwater protection and management in FY 04 (July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004) and provides an overview of the condition of the groundwater resource. See the Executive Summary for highlights and the GCC's recommendations in Future Directions for Groundwater Protection. The full report is available online at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/gcc/rtl/gccreport.htm>.

We hope you will find this report to be a useful reference in protecting Wisconsin's valuable groundwater resource.

Sincerely,
TODD AMBS, CHAIR
Groundwater Coordinating Council

Referred to committee on **Natural Resources**.

AGENCY REPORTS

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau
Madison

August 31, 2004

To the Honorable, the Legislature:

We have completed financial audits of the Mendota and Winnebago Mental Health Institutes for the period July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003. The audits were requested by the Department of Health and Family Services to comply with requirements of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. We were able to express an unqualified opinion on each Institute's financial statements.

The Institutes reported mixed financial results for fiscal year (FY) 2002-03. Mendota reported a gain of \$1.4 million in net assets, while Winnebago reported a loss of \$1.8 million in net assets. Winnebago sustained a loss because it did not generate enough revenue to cover its expenses. However, each Institute continued to report a positive accounting balance, which is reflected in its financial statements as unrestricted net assets.

During the course of our audits, we found the Department's treatment of collections received on behalf of state-funded patients, which are primarily forensic patients, was not in compliance with s. [20.435 \(2\)\(gk\)](#), Wis. Stats., which requires that these funds be treated as general purpose revenue (GPR)-earned. Relying on only s. [20.001 \(4\)](#), Wis. Stats., which defines GPR-earned, the Department retained \$815,000 of the \$2.3 million received in FY 2001-02 and \$759,000 of the \$2.1 million received in FY 2002-03 for operation of the Institutes. The Department has, however, agreed to properly treat all collections received on behalf of state-funded patients as GPR-earned in FY 2003-04 and in the future.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by Department of Health and Family Services staff during our audit.

Respectfully submitted,
JANICE MUELLER
State Auditor